

SENATE BILL 451

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22, relative to textbooks and instructional materials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2203(d)(1), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (d)(1)(A) and adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(B) Notwithstanding the deadline for the submission of textbooks, and instructional materials in finished form to the commission as prescribed in subdivision (d)(1)(A), the 2017 deadline set by the commission for the submission of science textbooks and instructional materials adopted for use by the commission for the 2018-2019 school year shall be extended to a date to be determined by the commission, in consultation with the appropriate publisher of the textbook and instructional materials. The extension of the submission deadline shall also extend the review period by the advisory panels. The purpose of this subdivision (d)(1)(B) is to permit the publishers of the textbook and instructional materials to create the textbooks and materials that align with the updated state academic standards for science and allow the commission to review the textbooks before approval.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.